

HIV/AIDS Profile: Belize

Demographic Indicators

Population (1,000s)	249	Growth Rate (%)	2.8
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000)		Life Expectancy	
Both Sexes	26	Both Sexes	71
Male	30	Male	69
Female	22	Female	73
Crude Birth Rate (per 1,000)	32	Crude Death Rate (per 1,000)	5
Percent Urban	50	Total Fertility Rate	4.1
Note: Above indicators are for 2000.			

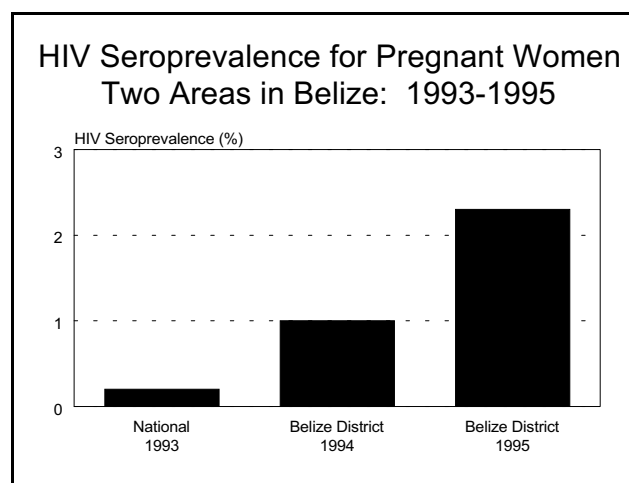
Estimated % of adults living with HIV/AIDS, end 1999	2.0 %		
Cumulative AIDS rate (per 1,000) as of 12/31/96	0.87		
Cumulative AIDS cases as of 12/31/96	198		
Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Reference Bureau, UNAIDS, World Health Organization.			

Epidemiological Data

Epidemic State: Generalized

There are almost no data available on the HIV epidemic in Belize. The little available indicated that HIV seroprevalence was 2 percent among pregnant women by 1995 in Belize District.

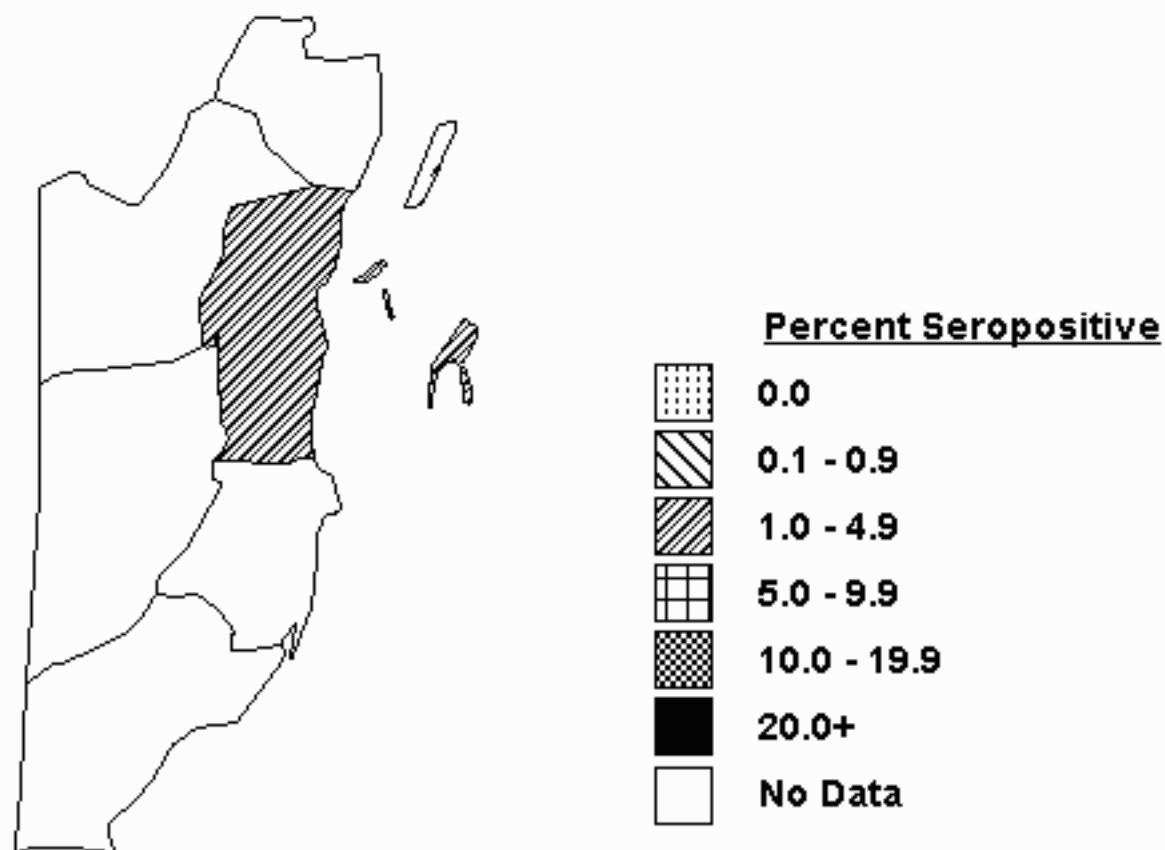
- HIV seroprevalence among pregnant women rose steadily between 1993 and 1995 in two areas of Belize. In 1993, HIV seroprevalence among pregnant women attending prenatal clinics in all six districts of Belize was well below 1 percent. In Belize District, 1 percent of pregnant women tested were HIV positive; in 1995, HIV prevalence rose to 2 percent in the same district.



Source: International Programs Center, Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, HIV/AIDS Surveillance Data Base, June 2000.

Seroprevalence of HIV-1 for Pregnant Women

Belize: 1995



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